

### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

at least one display device mounted to the cabinet; ~~and, said at least one display device configured to display a plurality of reels forming a set of reels, said set of reels displayed by the display device;~~

~~a plurality of symbols on said reels;~~

~~a plurality of different winning combinations of the symbols;~~

~~a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels; and~~

a at least one processor programmed to operate operable with the at least one display device to for a play of the game to:

(a) separately and simultaneously display a plurality of reel displays of ~~the a~~ set of reels, wherein each of said reel displays includes a copy of said set of reels and is associated with a different one of said ~~a~~ plurality of paylines;

(b) activate the set of reels to generate a plurality of symbols, ~~and after the reels are activated;~~

(c) display the same plurality of said symbols generated on the set of reels on each of the reel displays based on said symbols generated on said set of reels, wherein each reel display identifies a (c) display the combination of symbols occurring on a different one each of said plurality of the paylines on the reel displays; and

(d) provide an award to a player based on ~~each any~~ winning combinations of symbols occurring on said paylines.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the award includes the sum of all of the awards associated with the winning combinations of symbols occurring on the paylines.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a second display device mounted to the cabinet, wherein one of the reel displays is displayed by said display device and ~~said-other said-reel displays~~ of the plurality of reel displays are displayed by said second display device.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a second display device mounted to the cabinet, wherein a plurality of the reel displays are displayed by said display device and ~~said-other said-reel displays~~ of the plurality of reel displays are displayed by said second display device.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein the paylines include at least one payline selected from the group consisting of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which ~~includes~~ wherein said at least one processor is programmed to operate with said at least one display device to provide a bonus award ~~provided to~~ the player when a designated number of winning combinations of the symbols occur on the paylines.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the designated number of winning combinations is pre-determined by ~~the~~ said at least one processor.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 6, wherein the designated number of winning combinations is randomly determined by ~~the~~ said at least one processor.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, ~~which includes wherein said at least one processor is programmed to operate with said at least one display device to provide~~ a bonus award ~~provided~~ to the player when winning combinations of the symbols occur on a designated percentage of the paylines.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the designated percentage is pre-determined by ~~the~~said at least one processor.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 9, wherein the designated percentage is randomly determined by ~~the~~said at least one processor.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, which includes a selector controlled by ~~the~~said at least one processor, said selector adapted to enable the player to select at least one of the reel displays.

Claim 13 (cancelled).

Claim 14 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 12, ~~which includes wherein said at least one processor is programmed to operate with said at least one display device to provide~~ a bonus award ~~provided~~ to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the payline of at least one all of said reel displays selected by the player.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 12, ~~which includes wherein said at least one processor is programmed to operate with said at least one display device to provide~~ a bonus award ~~provided~~ to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of all of said reel displays selected by the player.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 1, wherein said at least one processor is programmed to operate with said at least one ~~the~~ display device ~~is operable to~~ individually display the award associated with each of the winning combinations of symbols which occur on the paylines.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The gaming device of Claim 16, wherein the at least one display device displays said awards in association with the ~~respective~~ paylines on which said winning combinations of the symbols occur.

Claim 18 (currently amended): A method of operating a gaming device, said method comprising:

- (a) separately and simultaneously displaying a plurality of reel displays of a same set of reels, said reels ~~including~~ associated with a plurality of symbols and a plurality of different paylines ~~associated with said reels~~, said reel displays each ~~displaying~~ including a copy of said set of reels and associated with a different one of said plurality of ~~paylines associated with the set of reels~~;
- (b) activating the set of reels to generate a plurality of the symbols;
- (c) displaying the same plurality of ~~same~~ symbols generated ~~by~~ on the set of reels on each of the reel displays based on said symbols generated on said set of reels,
- (d) displaying ~~the~~ a combination of symbols occurring on the payline ~~on associated with~~ each of the reel displays; and
- (e) providing an award to a player based on each ~~winning~~ combination of symbols occurring on said paylines which is a winning combination of symbols.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18, wherein providing the award ~~includes~~ providing the sum of all of the awards associated with any winning combinations of symbols occurring on the paylines.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18, which includes displaying the reel displays on ~~more than one~~ at least two display devices.

Claim 21 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18, wherein the paylines include at least one payline selected from the group consisting of: a horizontally extending payline, a vertically extending payline, a diagonally extending payline and any combination of these paylines.

Claim 22 (original): The method of Claim 18, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when a designated number of winning combinations of the symbols occur on the paylines.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The method of Claim 22, which ~~herein includes pre-determining~~ the designated number of winning combinations are predetermined.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The method of Claim 22, which ~~herein includes randomly determining~~ the designated number of winning combinations are randomly determined.

Claim 25 (original): The method of Claim 18, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when a designated percentage of the paylines indicate winning combinations of the symbols.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The method of Claim 25, which ~~herein includes pre-determining~~ the designated percentage is predetermined.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The method of Claim 25, which ~~herein includes randomly determining~~ the designated percentage is randomly determined.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18, which includes providing a selector controlled by at least one processor, wherein said selector enables the player to select at least one of the reel displays.

Claim 29 (original): The method of Claim 28, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of at least one of said reel displays selected by the player.

Claim 30 (original): The method of Claim 28, which includes providing a bonus award to the player when at least one winning combination of the symbols occurs on the paylines of all of said reel displays selected by the player.

Claim 31 (original): The method of Claim 18, which includes individually displaying the award associated with each of the winning combination of symbols which occur on the paylines.

Claim 32 (original): The method of Claim 31, which includes displaying said awards in association with the respective paylines on which said winning combination of the symbols occur.

Claim 33 (original): The method of Claim 18, which includes operating the gaming device through a data network.

Claim 34 (original): The method of Claim 33, wherein the data network is an internet.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The method of Claim 18, wherein computer instructions for implementing the steps (a) to (e) are stored in a memory device.

Claim 36 (currently amended): A gaming device operable under control of at least one processor, the gaming device comprising:

a cabinet;

at least one display device mounted to the cabinet;

~~a plurality of reels forming a set of reels;~~

~~— a plurality of symbols on said reels;~~

~~a plurality of different winning combinations of the symbols;~~

~~— a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels; and~~

~~asaid at least one processor programmed to operate~~ operable with the at least one display device to for a play of the game:

(a) display a plurality of copies of the same set of reels separately and simultaneously ~~a plurality of times~~, and

(b) display each a different one of a plurality of different paylines in association with ~~one each~~ of the separately displayed copies of the same set of reels to enable a player to view and ~~easily determine each of the a plurality of potential~~ winning symbol combinations that occur on ~~the any of the plurality of~~ paylines wagered upon by the player.

Claim 37 (new): A gaming system comprising:  
at least one display device configured to display a game operable upon a wager,  
said game including:

- (i) a set of reels including a plurality of reels,
- (ii) a plurality of symbols on the reels, a plurality of the symbols being different, and
- (iii) a plurality of different paylines associated with the reels;

at least one input device; and

at least one processor programmed to operate with the at least one display device and the at least one input device for a play of the game to:

- (a) cause the set of reels to display a plurality of randomly generated symbols of the plurality of symbols, and
- (b) simultaneously and separately cause the display of a plurality of copies of the set of reels, each copy having the same randomly generated symbols displayed as the set of reels based on said randomly generated symbols, each copy of said set of reels displayed in association with a different one of the paylines.

Claim 38 (new): The gaming system of Claim 37, wherein the at least one display device includes a first display device configured to display the set of reels and a second display device configured to display the copies of the set of reels.

Claim 39 (new): The gaming system of Claim 37, wherein the at least one processor is programmed to operate with the at least one display device to display an award including the sum of any awards associated with winning combinations of the symbols occurring on the paylines.

Claim 40 (new): The gaming system of Claim 37, wherein said at least one processor is programmed to operate with the at least one display device to, for each copy of the set of reels, individually display any award associated with a winning combination of the symbols occurring on the payline associated with said copy.



Claim 41 (new): The gaming system of Claim 37, wherein said plurality of copies of the set of reels are arranged in an order according to which of said plurality of different paylines each respective copy is associated with.

Claim 42 (new): The gaming system of Claim 41, wherein each of said plurality of different paylines is associated with a number and said copies are displayed in order by number.